

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY **REGION 7**

11201 Renner Boulevard Lenexa, Kansas 66219

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Quality Assurance Project Plan for Field Sampling for Ecological Risk Assessment at the

Cherokee County Mine Site Operable Unit Eight - Reviewed

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The review of the subject document prepared by EPA, dated July 2013, has been completed according to "EPA Requirements for Quality Assurance Project Plans for Environmental Data Operations," EPA OA/R-5 March 2001.

This document was reviewed as a draft. The document was found to be incomplete in addressing some key areas to the extent of potentially jeopardizing the quality of the data. These areas are fully described in this review memorandum as critical comments and can be adequately addressed by incorporation into the document. The document will not be approved without addressing these issues. General comments identify opportunities for strengthening the document but do not affect approval.

## **Critical Comments**

- 1. §Approval Page. The approval page is not signed and dated by the appropriate approval officials.
- 2. §Assessment and Response Actions. This element refers to how you will evaluate field, lab and data management activities, organizations (such as contract labs) and individuals in the course of your project. Will this project require audits/evaluations of field/lab staff? If problems are found during your project, what corrective actions will be taken?

## **General Comments**

3. §Approval Page. The address for U.S. EPA Region 7 should be updated.

If you have any questions, please contact me at x7258, or the lead reviewer, Gabrielle Thompson at x7569.

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